

**Shelburne Social Services Committee**  
**May 26, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** S. Furry-Irish, L. Maguire, P. Fontaine, L. Riell

**Call to Order:** 6:43 PM

**Note Taker:** Linda Riell

**Agenda Approved**

**Citizen Participation:** none

**April Minutes Approved**

**Treasurers Report:** SS Account \$3,900 and Community Fund \$4478.57. Linda will check with Peter regarding funding to SB Community Justice Center (\$2500) which was paid from the Community Fund, it should have paid from the Social Services account.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**\*Tiny Food Pantries update:** A Shelburne boy scout is working on building the pantry box as a scout project, using supplies donated by Rice Lumber. SCHIPS is all set to participate in this endeavor.

**\*Equity and Diversity Task Force:** Patricia informs the committee that complex issues have arisen. The group continues to work on creating an application for joining (when the task force becomes an official committee), are moving forward with attempts to diversify the committee and are going to be settling questions about committee membership.

**\*Outreach to agencies, PR and Rotary:** Sue has taken several actions during the past month. The letter of accountability to agencies which have received grants will be re-sent. Mercy Connection has already notified us as to how their grant was spent. The 6 month mark is just coming up now. Agencies should be contacting the committee with their expenditure information soon.

Sue submitted an article to the Shelburne News this week as well as speaking to the Rotary. Lou also attended the Rotary meeting and reports that Sue gave an excellent presentation. Patricia and Lou suggest that the Powerpoint Sue created be included in Social Service notes on the Town Website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Champlain Housing Trust/Harbor Place:** the request for a **\$1000 grant is approved** to support volunteers preparing meals for guests (considered short term Shelburne residents). Meals now must be prepared and packaged in individual containers as per Covid guidelines.
2. **Finishing up Fiscal Year 2020-21:** As of today \$2,900 remains in the budget and must be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion follows and includes these thoughts which will be looked at more closely and decided upon at the June 23 meeting. Ideas; take a look at those agencies not totally funded, reach out to SCS to see if they have needs, perhaps look at a couple local food organizations, check in with Georgene to see if she has any thoughts, Friends of Pierson Library (museum passes).
3. **Other:** where can individuals with specific needs go for help in Shelburne? This committee does not have the knowledge or contacts to provide people with answers. includes these thoughts; perhaps a list of agencies we have funded can be grouped by category (food, mental health, housing etc) and shared with the appropriate entity more equipped to steer people in the right

direction. The Food Shelf came to mind, the mental health assist to Shelburne Police etc. This topic will be looked at again in the future.

Additionally, Peter shared the guidelines for spending, we are pretty much limited to funding agencies not individuals.

**NEXT MEETING JUNE 23 @ 6:30 PM.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**